GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3298
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BARGI DAM
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether report on the Bargi Dam has been published after completing the inspection work;

(b) if so, whether the said report is likely to be presented in the House;

(c) if so, whether the lifespan of the dam would be reduced due to agriculture in the catchment area; and

(d) if so, the preventive steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Bargi dam was completed in 1987. At the request of the State Government, the dam was inspected on 24.5.97 by officers of the Central Water Commission after the earthquake of 22.5.97.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Siltation of the reservoir is a natural phenomenon and increases due to all types of human intervention in the catchment area including agriculture.

(d) The Ministry of Environment & Forests have suggested catchment area treatment works as a part of the environmental safeguard measures for the project.